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Minutes of the NCC January 14, 2002

President Heimbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Fourteen members were in attendance. Bart Bartenowicz agreed to be Acting Secretary for the meeting.

Randy Bullis read the minutes of the December meeting as published in the NCC Numismatist. Charlie Dube made a verbal correction to the minutes. Minutes were accepted by the membership.

Nominations were put forth for the election of club officers for 2002.

President Heimbach was unopposed and reelected.

Bob Fritsch was unopposed as Secretary-Treasurer and reelected.

Don Pickering was continued as NCC Director. Gary Galbo was appointed to the non elected position of NCC Librarian.

Randy Bullis was appointed as Editor of the NCC Numismatist.

There were 5 nominations for the 3 club Vice President positions. Nominated were Randy Bullis, Alan Brouillard, Tim Walant, Charlie Dube and Gary Galbo. A ballot was cast and the club selected the following individuals as Vice Presidents: Allan Brouillard, Randy Bullis and Gary Galbo.

Acting Secretary Bartenowicz reviewed correspondence which included: ANA Numismatist, NENA News, a request from the ANA for contributions for the National Money Show to be held in Jacksonville, FL (the club declined to contribute).

The club also received correspondence from Mr. Michael Turrini of Vallejo, CA requesting membership. Also included was a copy of the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) periodical "Heads and Tails" of

which Mr. Turrini is the editor. Mr. Turrini offered "woods" to the NCC. Mr. Fritsch will arrange a "woods exchange" providing Mr. Turrini NCC woods in turn.

The club viewed the videotape ".900 Fine: The Story of the Carson City Silver Dollar" which was enjoyed by the membership.

David Heimbach won club raffle of \$3.25.

The coin of the month drawing of six quarters (Kentucky Quarter) was won by Randy Bullis.

President Heimbach conducted the December quiz.

Club show and tell had numerous interesting items. Ken Camilleis brought in several of his most recent metal detector finds, which among other things included a Green River Whiskey Token, and a Large Cent. Charlie Dube brought in a Reader's Digest gold colored token. Charlie also had a mystery piece that had a Star of David on one side and a crescent shaped device on the other side. Speculation was that the piece might be a medal from a Jewish Masonic Lodge. No definitive conclusions were arrived at.

In recognition of the "Coin of the Month" the new Kentucky Quarter, Alan Brouillard provided a treatise on another passion of his (outside of his wife and coins) which is racehorses. Alan spoke fondly of his visit to Kentucky and Churchill Downs and being presented with a bourbon list versus a wine list at a fine restaurant. Alan spoke of the prints of fine horses that he has displayed in his house.

Young Numismatists presentations were made by Tim Walant and Tom Vancor. Both young gentlemen represented themselves and their coins well.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted. Robert S. Bartenowicz

JANUARY QUIZ

Pull out your SCWC and answer these questions about AFRICA.

1. Name at least two African nations that use multiple languages on their coins.
2. Name the nations that make up the West African States (formerly French West Africa). Web surfers can check it out at <http://www.bceao.int/bceao.htm>.
3. Africa was settled by most European nations including Great Britain, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, and Germany. Name at least one country that was colonized by each of these nations.
4. Match the country with its monetary system:

A. Botswana	a. 100 Tambala = 1 Kwacha
B. Ghana	b. 100 Senti = 1 Shilingi
C. Malawi	c. 100 Peswas = 1 Cedi
D. Mauritania	d. 100 Ngwee = 1 Kwacha
E. Tanzania	e. 5 Khoums = 1 Ouguiya
F. Zambia	f. 100 Thebe = 1 Pula

DECEMBER ANSWERS

1. The Mint calls it a thoroughbred racehorse, but we know better because it's a Quarter Horse.
2. Five years – 1934-1938. And we think the current commem program is bad!
3. It showed star enclosing a triangle of 15 stars with an initial for each state. "K" for Kentucky was at the top. It circulated widely on the Eastern Seaboard, and maybe even Kentucky.
4. No, but it is considered the most beautiful token of the era.

SHOW CALENDAR

17 FEB - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

21-24 Feb - Long Beach, CA

24 Feb - Chelmsford, MA

1-3 Mar - CPMX, Rosemont, IL

7-9 Mar - ANA, Jacksonville, FL

10 Mar - Willimantic, CT

15-17 Mar - Bay State, Boston

16 MAR - NENA @ BAY STATE

17 MAR - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

22-24 Mar - Baltimore, MD

24 Mar - Chelmsford, MA

News Flash:

Wayne Rich has passed on, and his collection will be auctioned by Bowers & Merena in March in Baltimore. Contact Bowers & Merena for a catalog.

Common Elements

by "Bart" Bartanowicz,
Out of State Correspondent

I just attended my first meeting of a local coin club here in southwest Florida and I thought I would tell you a little bit about my experiences. The club has free use of a "community room" in a local bank which has a kitchen as well as a "necessary room" (toilet for those less sensitive). Walking into the meeting room there is a welcome table with an individual who signs you in and offers raffle tickets. The raffle is made up of items donated by members and the club keeps the cash. You are also provided bidding numbers for the auction which is set up beforehand with item numbers and a list of items.

The club secretary enrolled me as a member on "face value" providing I had the annual dues of \$7.50. I was introduced to a few people which included "New Englanders" who were interested in the goings on back home. I was asked about the "Big Dig" numerous times. The club turn out is normally about 20 members. The demographics probably favored those in the age 50 or so category. There were a few others in the 30-40 age grouping. There were some strong personalities and then there were others who didn't say a whole lot but who were very interested in the proceedings. Other than that it was the typical experience of being new in a group and seeking out folks with common interests.

The club meeting started off with a really "nice touch" which was the club President leading the group in the "Pledge to Allegiance" which certainly made me feel good. One of the first business items centered around the club's two annual dinners and what the club's contribution should be as well as the location of the March dinner. It was a very spirited discussion to say the least. From there other numismatic topics were discussed and members from the NCC would have felt right at home.

So while there were some things different it came down to the common element of all coins clubs and that is "fellowship" in a hobby that we all enjoy!

ALL THAT GLITTERS

by Ken Camilleis

Reeling my mind back to the early spring of 1968, when I was adolescent lad, I was already a well-honed YN. I'd gotten an after-school job working as a file clerk in a doctor's office which my mother managed, and saved up a little spare cash to buy coins. That was first and foremost on my mind. "A little spare cash to buy coins" for a YN like me in the heady days of the late 'Sixties was all of \$30.

I knew what I was after on the Saturday morning of April 6. Something yellow. *Anything* yellow. When Dad and I arrived at S. L. Stone's at the low end of Boston's Washington Street, I was psyched. By now a regular customer, I asked the proprietor if he had any gold coins that he could sell me for \$30 or less. He had *one*. It was a 1908 Indian Head quarter eagle which he graded VF. I snapped it up without batting an eye.

So now I was a member of the "Gold Club"! I felt like I was on top of the world. None of my collector friends (to the best of my knowledge) had any gold coins in their collections. I couldn't stop marveling over this golden beauty. This was the spark that lit the inner flame.

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Thirty times and thrice have I since seen the spring flowers bloom, and my numismatic habits over this present generation have become more sophisticated. I sold that Indian quarter eagle in 1980 during a high point in both the coin market and the gold/silver bullion market. By this time I was heavy into "Saints", not so much for their investment potential but for their beauty and golden brilliance. And in the early 1980s I bought what I feel is the best gold coin I have ever owned – an 1893-S Liberty \$5 that was graded MS-65 by the "pre-slab day" standards of wing and prayer.

If ever a coin were to grade MS-70, I'd say the reverse of this '93-S would have qualified. And the obverse *fields* I'd have also graded 70 – they were *perfect* – not a blemish visible under a 17x loupe!! There was one noticeable flaw on the coin: a single solitary pin-prick contact mark on Liberty's cheek. In need of cash to start a business in 1989, at the height of a great bull "slab" market, I was advised to sell – but "slab first". Coins in the market of 1989 would not sell well if they were not certified. So I had my "dealer-advisor" send it to NGC and it came back MS-63! Without the understanding that the coin was probably undergraded and could be "cracked" for a higher grade, I sold it. Today I'll bet that coin resides in a 66 or possibly even 67 slab and is valued well into five figures. Live and learn, and so I did.....

..... I set out to learn about the intricacies of the slab market and how grades and grading techniques shift over time, how grading is influenced by market trends, and especially how certified grading relates to grading of gold coins. Since 1993 I have examined and studied numerous gold coins, and I have focused mainly on U.S. issues from the 1830s through the 1850s. I have observed over this time that most slabbed gold coins are, in my opinion, *overgraded*. It is undoubtedly true that many of these coins were housed in undergraded slabs from 1986-90, and were "promoted", perhaps multiple times and/or multiple grades.

I feel that grading of gold is more of a challenge than grading of silver (although not as complex as copper grading, as I discussed in an earlier article). Gold, being a relatively soft and malleable substance, in coin form rapidly abrades. The fields of gold coins, even small ones, are especially vulnerable to heavy contact marks, hairline scratches and scuff marks, and abrasion of the surface. Copper spots (U.S. gold coins are 90% gold and 10% copper) also can detract from a gold coin's eye appeal. It seems the grading services, since about the early 1990s, have encountered so few truly choice or gem gold coins (especially pre-1861) that they have adopted a practice of shifting gold coin grades. An MS-65 half eagle today may have obtrusive contact marks or copper spots. Conversely, I feel that most third-party grading houses are not completely knowledgeable of production anomalies that were prevalent in the generation prior to the Civil War, and have a tendency to downgrade coins with die cracks or portions of gold metal displaced from the planchet proper, a phenomenon often seen on gold pieces of the 1840s and 1850s.

Perhaps my feelings toward gold make me appear as a microcosm of the late, great Harry Bass, the numismatic world's leading gold connoisseur. Take away Mr. Bass' budget and his leisure time, of course, and a mind and brain on fast forward. But like Mr. Bass, I like to study gold coins in depth, especially from those series in which little attention has been paid and in which there is little if any published literature on die varieties or *die states* of particular gold coins.

I have observed that among the few surviving specimens of the late-date Capped Head To Left quarter eagles (Kneass 1829-34) there is a preponderance of prooflikes. I know that the majority of the mintage of these pieces was called in and melted because the gold content exceeded the face value of the coins. I also know that in 1837, as a result of a financial panic, some pre-1834 gold coins that had been saved (perhaps because they were "special", such as proofs or "specimen strikes") were placed in circulation for land purchase transactions per an 1836 order of President Andrew Jackson (the *Specie Circular*). It would have been at this time that seemingly proof or prooflike gold coins acquired clear signs of circulation contact. By the time such coins were retired from the channels of commerce as collector's items, many of them no longer "glittered".

Although I perhaps felt in 1968 with my common, run-o'-the-mill quarter eagle the way Harry Bass felt when he acquired his first classic gold rarity at a princely sum, I've ever since had a passion for gold coins. I find the hunt for properly graded and reasonably priced gold as exciting and as serendipitous as the acquisition of a precious few acceptable pieces to salt away for future generations.

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Phone queries may be made to 881-9211. The Club meets on the second Monday of every month in the Chandler Memorial Library, 257 Main Street, Nashua.

NEXT MEETING 11 FEBRUARY AT THE LIBRARY

COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for February will be any coin from the continent of Africa.



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting
11 February 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:02PM on a cold night by President Bruce Heimbach with 13 members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There was no Treasurer's Report. Correspondence included the usual magazines and flyers.

Bart Bartenowicz gave a report on the coin club in Florida that he has joined. They start each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and move that we do the same. The motion carried and we all stood and recited the Pledge. Bart continued by saying that each of us has a clone in the other club. Interests appear to be similar between the two.

Show and Tell included a 1846 "Dropped 6" Quarter graded MS64 which is within condition census from Ken Camelleis. Bob Fritsch showed a Dr. George Heath Silver Medal engraved by Charles Barber, which was sent to him by ANA for donating to the ANA's Building Fund. Charlie Dube has a Spiel Munze (Play Coin), possibly from the 19th century, and a piece covered with Egyptian hieroglyphics, which nobody could attribute. He also gave away a wooden nickel from a Warner Mini Golf course. Instead of giving the Quiz answers, Bob Fritsch formed the assembly into two groups, each with a *Standard Catalog of World Coins* (SCWC) to look up the answers. The exercise was enjoyed by all. President Heimbach then listed the upcoming coin shows as published in the newsletter. At the break, John Statkum won the Attendance Raffle of \$3.00.

New Member Dick Bishop was introduced and received a round of applause. By request, several members gave reminiscences of Wayne Rich. Don Pickering and John Statkum both knew him from the early years of NHNA. Wayne was extremely knowledgeable and had extensive holdings. NH material was his first love. Don got a huge Lithuanian collection from him. All said that it was a pleasure to

know him, a good old-fashioned New England Yankee. Bob Fritsch said that Wayne leaves a huge hole in both the NHNA and NHCC. Bob is taking over editorship of The Nonagon, in addition to being President. John Statkum recounted looking through Wayne's stuff. It was kept in a vault and he would pull out what you wanted to see.

Coin of the Month was anything from Africa, a very hard continent to collect. There is lots of stuff from the littoral areas, especially the Mediterranean coast, but coins from the interior is just not that available, and what is there is usually spotted and worn. Coins from the former colonies are often more available than modern stuff. A few countries, like Liberia, issue loads of NCLT. Most countries do not have mints and contract the coinage with some of the European mints. Bob Fritsch passed around several coins from the continent and traded them to members for a modest fee. Tim Samson won the raffle of seven coins.

A Jean Elsen catalog enriched the club's coffers by \$1.00, and Bob Fritsch sold auction catalogs two for a buck which netted the Treasury another \$3.00. Since tonight was Lundi Gras, Bob threw several handfuls of Mardi Gras Doubloons to the members. It was noted that the Nashua Sesquicentennial is next year and Bob is trying to get the Mayor's office to allow NCC to help with the numismatic souvenirs (medal, wooden nickel, etc). What is available out there? Unknown due to all the melting. For example, several NH towns issued gold medals for their anniversary celebrations, but probably very few survive. Also, a 1908-D \$5.00 gold is extremely elusive even though it has a high mintage, while the lower mintage 1909-O is frequently available.

That brought us to the end of another enjoyable meeting, which was closed at 8:55PM. The Secretary will not be present due to business travel so a member must take minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

FEBRUARY QUIZ

How many 2002 coins have you found? How many of these questions about 2002 coins and tokens can you answer?

What are the five 50 States Quarters for 2002, in order of issue?

How many countries started issuing the EURO as legal tender in 2002?

[Careful, this is a trick question!]

This Hawaiian island started issuing Trade Dollars in 1992 as a one year thing. Now in 2002, the 11th issue features a Blue Whale. What is the island doing this?

What are the two US Commemorative programs of 2002? [Even though the 50 States Quarters are commems, they are separate and distinct from these programs.]

JANUARY ANSWERS

Libya, Sudan, and South Africa to name three. **2.** The Web Site says Ivory Coast, Senegal, Niger, Benin, Burkina, Mali, and Guinea-Bissau. SCWC lists the old FWA nations. **3.** Kenya, Belgian Congo (Zaire), Algeria, Spanish Sahara, Angola, German East Africa (Tanganyika). **4.** A-f, B-c, C-a, D-e, E-b, F-d.

Other exotic-sounding African monetary systems include:

Angola 100 Lwei = 1 Kwanza
Botswana 100 Thebe = 1 Pula
Egypt 100 Piastres = 1 Gunayh
Equatorial Guinea Ekuele
Ghana 100 Peswas = 1 Cedi
Guinea 100 Cauris = 1 Syli
Lesotho 100 Licente = 1 Maloti
Libya 1000 Dirhams = 1 Dinar
Madagascar 5 Francs = 1 Ariary
Malawi 100 Tambala = 1 Kwacha
Mauritania 5 Khoums = 1 Ouguiya
Mozambique 100 Centavos = 1 Metical
Nigeria 100 Kobo = 1 Naira
Sudan 100 Millim = 1 Ghirsh
Swaziland 100 Cent = 1 Luhlanga
Tanzania 100 Senti = 1 Shilingi
Zambia 100 Ngwee = 1 Kwacha

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President's Message

Well, I think the meeting in February was on the coldest night we had this winter. Thank you for coming out. As mentioned at the February meeting, I will be bringing in "D" minted state quarters for everyone to go through to fill your thumb busters. We will be looking at the tapes available for our viewing and everyone can choose one and we will schedule them into our meetings. So far I have not had any luck finding a 2002 coin in change, but I am not giving up, matter of fact, I am looking harder. Good hunting. Hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

PLEASE BE SEATED

by Ken Camilleis

Why, oh why is it nowadays so difficult to find ... **quarters minted between 1840 and 1852** in the various and sundry grades of Mint State? Well, that may be like asking why is the sky blue. I don't know the answer to this question, but it's a cold, hard fact. This is one of those head-scratching phenomena of numismatics that is realized in its process of reduction to statistics. And this is but one of many (E PLURIBUS UNUM) of the enlightening tidbits of information that keep the adrenaline of the student of antebellum America coinage flowing. This is the kind of data that encourages speculation initially, and ultimately, the quest for and the relentless pursuit of the truth.

Coins of the *Seated Liberty* design ("Seated", for short) come in five 90% silver denominations: dollars; halves; quarters; dimes; half dimes. The first Seated motif was introduced in 1836 by Christian Gobrecht on his famous proof-only "Gobrecht Dollar" of 1836-39 which bears his inscription. The design on the dollar was modified for mass production in 1840 to the traditional devices used on all U.S. silver coins. Seated Liberty coins are not only beautiful creations of the Mint but are also widely collected by die variety and *die state*. As the earliest Seated coins were the first large-scale production for most of the silver denominations including the quarter (which switched from the Capped Bust design during 1838) using the then-novel steam press, there were occasional problems in the striking of these coins. The devices on Seated coins of 1837-40 usually come well-struck, but many die conditions (cracks, clashes, etc.) are known over all Seated series, the discoveries of which are attributable to members of the Liberty Seated Collectors Club (LSCC). Larry Briggs, Brian Greer, Randy Wiley & Bill Bugert and other well-known LSCC members have identified numerous varieties of many dates in the Seated Liberty coin series which ran all the way to 1891 for the dime, quarter and half.

Anyway, the bottom line on the early Seated quarters is that mint-state "pre-Arrows" (1838-52) Seated Liberty quarters *are* scarce. In fact, in analyzing the "population reports" of the leading third-party grading services, for most dates in this range they could be classified as *rare* in Select (MS63) and above. The 1846 issue, for example, which was coined only in Philadelphia, despite a recorded mintage of 510,000, boasts a very low "pop" in MS60 and above, and less than a dozen specimens have been graded MS64 or higher by PCGS and NGC combined. And this does not take into account the possibility of duplicate tabulations of the same "64" that someone may have attempted to upgrade to a "65". Contrast this tiny number with the populations of most years of the Reduced Size Capped Bust quarters (1831-38) and the Arrows and later No Motto Seated issues (1853-62) and you see how dramatic the drop is. And speaking of "drop", one variety of 1846 that I am fond of is that of the "dropped 6", identified by Walter Breen (entry #3966) in his Encyclopedia as very rare. Throughout the 1840s quarter issues, noteworthy varieties have been identified even in low circulated grades. This goes without saying, but numerous opportunities abound in the early Seated quarters, and I feel that the 1840-52 period reflects an essentially untapped resource when quarters from this era are discovered in truly *original*, uncirculated condition. And this statement is much stronger the higher we go up the "MS" ladder.

Another subseries I find particularly interesting to study is the run of pre-Arrows *halves* of the era concurrent with the scarce quarters. Although somewhat more plentiful than the quarters (at least in part because so many more were minted during this time), they are also tough in MS63 and above. From the beginning of the Seated half in mid-1839 through the 1846 issues, the "pops" for select and better coins are quite low. In my opinion the most attractive (and as a general rule the best struck) Seated halves are the "Small Letters" specimens of 1839-42, and the 1840 Philly date is somewhat more available in MS64 than any of the other pre-1847 issues. The 1847-52 dates, however, are not common, by the furthest stretch of the imagination! Although the 1853 halves command a sizable premium because of their "Arrows & Rays" mystique, the pops of 1853 in most grades are *multiples* of those of any of the pre-Arrows dates.

Pre-1859 Seated dollars are also difficult to procure in Mint State, and when so are usually MS60 because of heavy bag transportation contact marks. There were no arrows used on Seated dollars because their weight was not reduced from 1852 to 1853 as were the other denominations. Pre-Arrows dimes and half dimes are more plentiful in Choice to Gem Mint State, but nice dimes today are mostly confined to the 1838, 1839, 1840, 1842 and 1845 issues. The "No Stars" dimes and half dimes of 1837 and part of 1838 were once thought to be rare choice, and today the 1837 issues are relatively available. Yet they are in demand in some circles because their obverses appear as scaled-down versions of the coveted Gobrecht dollar. "Seated lovers" of the LSCC have done in-depth analysis on Seated coins across-the-board.

So the hunt for quality Seated to enhance your collection can be quite a challenge!

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Scott works at the Bank of New Hampshire and enjoys collecting Canadian coinage. He can get these coins at the bank because they come in when customers bring their coins and then the customers don't want them. He also notes that customers do ask for \$2 bills as well as Gold and Silver colored dollar coins and for half dollars, although the halves usually go fast and they don't have any on hand.

A spirited conversation (point/counterpoint) ensued over last meeting's Coin of the Month challenge. African coinage proved tough, the research, demanding, the time spent amongst friends, priceless.

Gary reminded us all of our club's sponsored Holiday Inn coin show coming March 17th and also of Bay State coin show the same weekend. March 23rd is the Small Cents 2 coin auction. Gary also noted that the ANA convention in Jacksonville, Fl seemed to have a small turnout but when it comes to New York, it should be much better due to location, location, location.

Warmest thanks go out to Jim Guinesso for having the Nashua Coin Club's sponsored coin show at the Holiday Inn. It is unanimously agreed that he is a very big asset to the club.

The attendance raffle of \$4.25 was won by Ken Young. The Coin of the Month 2002 coins raffle which included 3 Tennessee quarters and 4 Lincoln cents was won by Bruce Heimbach.

It was announced that nominations for club awards will be needed at the April meeting so we can vote on them during the May meeting and present the awards at the June banquet.

John Statkum brought up the topic of the postal service using irradiation and the problems it causes on coins and paper money. Most believe the machines will not be widespread.

Stacks auctions were discussed and there were noted suspicions of mail bids being taken for the full amount even if floor bidders didn't bring it close to that amount.

This month's quiz was considered tough, especially the Hawaiian question.

Everyone was surprised and happy for Bob Fritsch when it was discovered that he was in Hawaii researching their local coinage.

Ken Young walked us through the past in a continued discussion of Wayne Rich and the NENA coin show events. He has memories of Wayne arriving with wooden crates containing circulated quarter rolls and old suitcases tied together bulging with coins, and all of this had to be carried to a table in the far end of the room with Ken's assistance. Every year Wayne would bring the coins and then bring them home again. If you did buy something from him, your check would be made out to different people or trusts. Many club members pitched in with their own memories of Wayne and his selling antics.

Don Pickering provided a show and tell of Checks he collects picturing churches with stores in them. Recently, a church in Detroit ran out of funds to finish their building and decided to create commercial store fronts in the bottom of the building to rent out. This is not a

new idea as Don pointed out. Churches in the past did the same, notably 3 churches right in Nashua. The Baptist church being one of them.

Other show and tell items included Ken C.'s zinc cent collection and how they weather circulation (not well). Don Pickering sent around a local bank's encased cent which was discovered to be a 1960-D small date. Scott McIver showed us all a copy of the famous Brasher Doubloon. Before he passed it around, he mentioned the date on the coin was 1787 and Bart guessed right away the coin it represented.. Charlie Dube showed 2 medals and then auctioned them at the end of the meeting. These were Salem Mass old home days of 1902 and Sons of the Civil War Vets of 1881. Both went for \$10 each.

Bob Landry brought in a nearly complete set of circulated quarters from 1965 to 1998 in Whitman folders. He auctioned the set for \$19 which he donated to the club. A very warm appreciation to Bob from the club.

Bart made us all aware that this was his last meeting, but although he would not be there in body, he would be there in heart and would also send along out of state correspondence occasionally. We wish him the best of luck and knowing that we'll miss him, suggested holding next January's meeting at his new home in Florida.

Coin of the Month for April's meeting will be any bi-metallic coin. These are the ringed coins, not cupro-nickel coinage.

Meeting closed at 8:57 P.M. The next meeting is April 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Bullis
Vice President

MARCH QUIZ

Bimetallic coins are extremely popular throughout the world. This quiz will test your knowledge of them.

1. Although bimetallic coins have been around for centuries, what coin actually started the modern usage of the ring-core bimetallic coinage?
2. What was the first US bimetallic coin, struck long before the coin in question 1?
3. In the world of bimetallic coins, what is different about the French 20 Franc coins of 1992-1996?
4. Although US Clad coins can be said to be bimetallic, they do not fit the definition of ring-core strikings. What is the only modern US bimetallic coin?

FEBRUARY ANSWERS

1. Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi.
2. 14. The twelve previously discussed, plus Vatican City and San Marino. As of my latest info, Monaco had not yet decided to go Euro.
3. Maui, which cannot stop issuing Maui Dollars. Many other islands have copied their lead. Your Quizmaster is writing this quiz there.
4. Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and West Point.

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2 Jun – Searsport, ME
6-9 Jun - Long Beach, CA
16 JUN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
28-30 Jun – Midamerica, Rosemont, IL

Musings From Florida

On March 20 I was “winging” my way to Florida for a week of R&R. Sitting in front of me was a family of five who had recently moved to Florida and were returning home after visiting relatives in the Boston area. They were quite Animated or put another way “loud” and the conversations were all over the place. Before you think that I listen in to other people’s conversation, I couldn’t avoid it. This might serve as a reminder to all, even though the plane is loud you can easily be overheard! Oh well, enough of justifying my eavesdropping! Anyway the subject of the new State Quarters came up in terms of Florida preparing for its quarter. One of the children was discussing that her class would be preparing several designs and that she was excited over the prospect. The parents also said that the new Florida quarter would be the centerpiece of the set that they are putting together and of course if their daughter’s class was successful that they would indeed give it a special place of honor.

Bottom line is that many of us were getting skeptical over the excitement that the program was or wasn’t generating. Obviously people are still involved. I’ll be flying on to Texas following my R&R. I’ll let you know what they are thinking in Texas!

Your NCC Numismatist National Correspondent
Bart

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THE RIVIERA

by Ken Camilleis

August 19, 1963. This has been going on all summer. Been buggin' this poor old lady in the cafeteria of the *Riviera* Motel by Smuggler's Beach. Been reaching into the cash register for what may be that 1916 D dime or that 1932 D or S quarter I'm looking for. She's screamed at me all summer long and so has the old man who I presume is her husband.

The old man has a very bad temper. Little nine-year-old me fears him. Mom and I are walking back from the beach when I realize I've made a terrible mistake. My worst fears are confirmed when the man storms out of the side door and screams at my mother, on the top of his lungs, "IS THIS YOUR BOY?!?!?!?!?" He goes on a tirade, telling Mom all the terrible things I did this summer. As a result of this, Mom, who usually has delegated the honors of that dreaded glazed-oak hairbrush to Dad (who thankfully wasn't around), gives me the worst flogging I can ever remember her administering. My bottom is as red as the shell of the dinner she had last night at the *Lobster In The Rough*.

Of course what I should have done was walk either way ahead of or way behind Mom on our trek from the beach back to our blue '56 Chevy. Or better still, I should have taken a not-so-direct route from the beach. In my absentmindedness (perhaps thinking about how I was going to fill that 1909-S VDB slot), I'd completely forgotten about that side door, which is an easy trap. Too bad I'm not 10 years older. After all, it's the summer of '63 and I'd be dazzling girls with my surfboard rather than bugging old ladies for rare coins. But I was born too late.

August 28. Mom has long since made up with me, and we're outside Giardino's *Leaning Tower of Pizza* with my aunt and my paternal grandparents. All of a sudden my grandfather falls to the ground and has a seizure. Mom frantically hands me a dime (silver of course!) and tells me to call Emergency for an ambulance as she and Gracie try to hold Grandpa down. When the ambulance arrives, Gramp is rushed to Cape Cod Hospital.

September 18. Grandpa dies, and so the story goes that this is the day our antique Ansonia/Aquitaine mantle clock stops ticking. Grandpa had saved coins for me and let me look through his pocket change for goodies. I'll sure miss him. May he and his Ansonia rest in peace.

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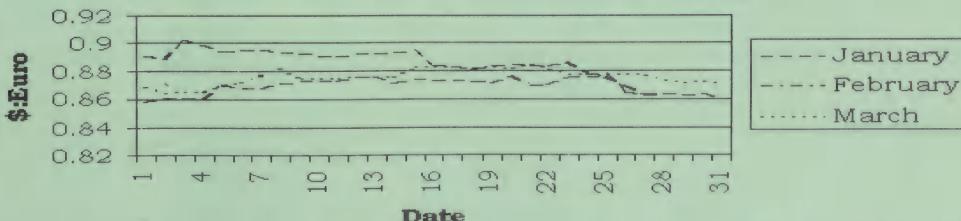
October 22, 2001. Thirty-eight years later, I've tried to reconstruct these events – and other happenings of that summer of '63 - *from memory*! Sitting in the small living room of our Cape house (which has now been in the family for 40 years) with my Aunt Gracie, my eyes are drawn to the Ansonia, still sitting there on the mantle, having collected by now a very thick coating of dust, having been untouched by human hands for 38 years, still 21 minutes past 11 o'clock. I begin to think about something. I tell Gracie what I'm thinking about, and she laughs.

So we take a ride to the antique clock repair shop in Dennis, and the proprietor takes a look at the clock and says it's not in such bad shape. Just needs a little TLC, a little cleaning, replacements of a few bushings, and it'll be "up 'n' runnin'" in a few weeks. Then, on the way back to the house, we drive down to Smuggler's Beach and watch the windsurfers whizzing by and the fishermen in their quest for the evening meal, just as we'd done in the days of yore. We walk by the Riviera, still there in all its glory, undisturbed by the sands of time. The side door has long since been replaced by a newer building and a terrace, but as we reach where the side door was, my eyes well up and I proceed to recount to Gracie what had happened "ON THIS SPOT".

November 24. Gracie and I pick up the Ansonia clock, and, as advertised, it works just as it did all those years ago. As we set it up and I hear the tinny gong of the striking of the hour, I'm flashed back to my early childhood, and to Grandma & Grandpa's Mattapan apartment where that clock had reposed since 1926, where they lived before they'd moved to the Cape in '61.

January 12, 2002. I write this article. The moral here is that sometimes, the more things change, the more they don't.

Euro Performance Jan-Mar 2002



As you can see by this graph, the Euro has shown a very steady conversion rate with the US Dollar. So far, so good with the Euro.

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COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for March will be any bi-metallic coin from any country.



NASHUA NUMISMATIST

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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting
8 April 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eleven members and one guest were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers. There was no old business.

John Statkum reported on the recent Wayne Rich sale by Bowers and Merena. John had made several bids but only won one. Prices were very high – an example is a Pennichuck Broken Bank Note that John had bid \$400 but hammered for \$2990. Many other examples were given. John stated that there was no way that Internet bidders had any hope of getting their bids. Paper is a hot item right now which could have contributed to the tremendous prices. Bob Fritsch then gave an overview of the National Bank Note era, citing the three Charters and the last series of 1929. It was mentioned that Bank of NH used to have two strips of NBNs on display but that they had not been seen for several years. This will be investigated. It was suggested that paper money expert Roger Durand be invited to be speaker for the banquet. Examples of the new series \$1 FRNs were passed around. There was talk of the availability of Denver Ohio Quarters and 2001 Sackie Bucks.

New Business centered on the award plaques that Bob Landry will make for

us. It was decided that 5x7 hardwood with a routed groove be used. The monthly Quiz was then discussed, and the questions were quickly answered. It would be nice if the coins could be viewed as we talk about them and maybe illustrations in books would be good for high-priced items. Bob Fritsch then showed a batch of items he had acquired in Hawaii – Maui Dollars, other Hawaiian trade dollars, replica Hawaiian paper money from the waning years of the Kingdom, and several books on Hawaiian subjects. He also showed a wooden nickel and how easy it was to use the internet to research unidentified pieces. Ken Camelleis showed an old Ansonia clock that had been in his family for 75 years and was thought to be broken. It just needed some TLC and he demonstrated its mellow chime. During the break, Ken won the attendance raffle of \$3.00.

Coin of the Month was Bimetallic coinage. Scott McIver had several that he sold to members for nominal prices. Included was an Italian 2 Euro, several Mexican 2 Pesos, and a Dominical Republic 5 Peso. Bob Fritsch passed around an Official 1 Euro collection from the European Bank which had one coin from each of the member countries, plus four Euro notes that he had gotten at a local bank. Bimetallics are popular the world over and see extensive use everywhere except here. There is even a club dedicated to them, the Worldwide Bimetallic Collectors Club (WBCC) which was the first true internet-based coin club. Its web page is at wbcc-online.com. Bob

won the 8 coins in the raffle. The next Coin of the Month will be War Nickels.

The sad announcement of the meeting was that Roger Levesque has terminal cancer and will probably not attend any meetings. Roger was Club President in the early 70s and served as Librarian for many years. It was moved and approved that a President's Award be established to be awarded at the President's discretion.

It was decided to hold the annual banquet on 10 June at Newick's in Merrimack. Details were worked out and guests will be charged \$5.00. Social hour at 6:30, seating at 7:00 and dinner at 7:15. Alan Brouillard will make the arrangements. The auction comprised four lots from Alan Brouillard from which he would donate half the receipts with the club, and two Maui Dollars from Bob Fritsch, all receipts to the club. Bidding was lively with the club making \$21.50 on the deal.

The members greeted our newest member Scott McIver who works at the Bank of NH in downtown Nashua. Scott collects world coins and wants to get one from every country that ever existed. Upcoming shows were noted and the meeting was closed at 8:58PM. The next meeting is 13 May.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

APRIL QUIZ

Break out your Red Books and discover how much you know about Silver Wartime Nickels of 1942-1945.

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MARCH ANSWERS

1. Italian 500 Lire of 1982-2001.
2. The pattern 1792 Silver Center Cent.
3. It is actually trimetallic, with two outer rings around a core.
4. Library of Congress \$10 of 2000, with a gold ring and platinum core.

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19 MAY - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

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6-9 Jun - Long Beach, CA

12&18 Jun - Centennial Auctions of Wayne Rich NH material

16 JUN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

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President's Message

Well, what a GREAT meeting. I don't think we could have put another thing on the table that night without breaking it. At the May meeting, we will be voting for the recipients of the annual awards. I hope all can attend. This is your opportunity to give back to those individuals who have contributed so much to the NCC. Please come out and vote for them, also please attend the June banquet to honor them.

Auction News

Centennial Auctions will be selling the Estate Collection of Wayne S. Rich featuring New Hampshire Town Medals, other New Hampshire, New England and numismatic Exonumia. Also included are a complete Canada \$1.00 BU Set, other Canada and Great Britain sets and Type coinage. The auctions will take place on June 12 and June 18 at the Holiday Inn in Nashua. The June 18 session has an original BU bag of 1878 7TF Morgan Dollars.

Catalogs will be available in late May and posted on the internet at www.centennialauctions.com. Centennial can be reached at 603-539-6619, info@centennialauctions.com or P.O. Box 144, Effingham, NH 03882

Also, don't miss Gary Galbo's Small Cents 2 auction on May 25th at the Holiday Inn in Nashua. Always a fine gallery of coins for sale at your price.

SECRETARY ABSENT

The Secretary will be at sea when the May meeting takes place. Please have a member take minutes and collect dues for him. Thank you.

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Alan Brouillard

Randy Bullis

Gary Galbo

James Guinesso

Roger Levesque



OF COINS LIKE THIS ARE DREAMS MADE

by Ken Camilleis

“Knock, knock.”
“Who’s there?”
“Coiner.”
“Coiner who?”
Coin o’ my dreams, how do I love thee, let me count the ways ...

Yes, there is an element of romance with coins. And, as many of you know, I have an undying passion for U.S. coins of all denominations from the second quarter of the 19th century. I especially have a soft spot for coins of the year 1840. That’s not the year I was born, but the devices on coins of 1840 usually come well-struck, and coins of 1840 are such artistic creations of the Mint in one of its better years with respect to quality control. The Seated quarter is no exception, in fact it is one of my favorites.

At a coin show recently, my eyes zoomed in on an 1840-O No Drapery quarter in a display case. I could tell from several feet away that this was a ’40-O ND, as this is a one-year die style. I asked to see the coin, which was a problem-free XF. I flipped it over, and my eyes almost bugged out – there was *no mint mark!!* Even though the 2 x 2 flip was labeled as “1840-O”. I asked how much, praying that the dealer would not take another look at the coin. He consulted his Greysheet “Quarterly I” and quoted me a price. I snapped up Lady Liberty without batting an eye and made the mad dash for the nearest exit. At least that’s what I *think* I did – I was in a rather subconscious state thinking about this *unique* coin.

When I got home, I immediately put my newfound acquisition to the “17x test” – I whipped out my faithful and trusty 17-power loupe to make certain there were no tooling marks which may suggest removal of a mint mark. And there was *nothing!* I was ecstatic. I immediately called and e-mailed John McCloskey of the LSCC and he shared my sentiments. I flaunted my 162-year-old sweetheart to all of my buddies at our local coin club meeting, and they gasped in awe. I proceeded to prepare this article for the Gobrecht Journal. I fired up Microsoft Word 97, got the blank “document” screen, and then ... and then ...

... and then I woke up. Darn it! Why can’t I get a *break*, for a change?!

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This work of the imagination was inspired by the article in the July 1998 edition of the Gobrecht Journal (Issue #72) about the discovery of the first known specimen of the 1842 Small Letters half dollar with no mint mark. Thus, in my dreams, perhaps I felt that someone could discover an 1840 “plain” No Drapery quarter as well – and why couldn’t that someone be me?

If anyone has the good fortune of making the discovery of this coin, please let me have first crack at it.

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NEXT MEETING 13 MAY AT THE LIBRARY

DUES OWED

Several members still have not paid their dues for 2002. If your label has "01" in the Thru: field, you owe for this year. WE WANT YOU AS A MEMBER, so please help us by remitting your dues (\$6 for members, \$3 for juniors) to the club address on the address page. Members not in good standing will not be able to draw their banquet benefit in June.

COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for May will be U.S. Silver War Nickels dated 1942-1945.



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

13 May 2002

Meeting opened at 7:00 with 11 members in attendance.

Voting took place for the June banquet awards.

A vote was taken and it was unanimous that the club donate \$25 to the ANA for NY convention patronage.

It was also decided that the coin of the month for July will be German Notgeld, and the U.S. War Nickel will be revisited.

Gary Galbo discussed latest auction news with us all. There was heavy bidding at the Wayne Rich auction and out of \$35,000 in bids, he won \$4500. However, at Central States auction, he took back to the shop, \$20,000 worth of lots. He says the market still appears hot, with prices going for 20% to 30% OVER greysheet. Certified Indian Head and Lincoln cents went high.

Gary also noted that quarters from the 40's, 50's and 60's in high grades are still going up. At one auction, a 1964 SMS Jefferson nickel NGC graded went for \$15,000. 1964 SMS coins were pattern coins for the 1965-1967 Special Mint Sets and about 10 of each coin was minted. Another hot commodity on the market are NGC and PCGS registry sets.

A reminder was issued about Gary's auction on May 25th which has 675 lots, including material from 4 estates and 3 large collectors. Bargains can be had since most coin lots start at 20% BELOW greysheet.

Everyone forgot the Coin of the Month, even the member who suggested the coin. It was decided to revisit this fine coin, the U.S. War Nickel during July's meeting along with German Notgeld.

Scott gave us an update concerning the old paper money that was once on display at the Bank of NH. He was informed that these were sent to Lewiston Maine when the present holding company took over the bank.

They were then dispersed as souvenirs. The remainders were kept in safety deposit boxes.

A walk down memory lane occurred when we discussed the coin shows that use to take place at local malls. These were stopped when prices went up for the tables and the mall didn't want to look like a flea market environment.

John Statkum performed a show and tell. A canceled check written in 1963 paid to Wayne S. Rich by the NH Numismatic Association, signed by John Statkum. We all wondered what value this might have on Ebay. The June Awards banquet will be held at Newicks Seafood, Merrimack, NH on Monday, June 10th at 7:00 P.M. Cocktails at 6:30. Since the weather was nasty and we all were anxious for the June Banquet, this meeting adjourned a tad bit early.

Submitted by,
Randy Bullis

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COIN OF THE MONTH

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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

10 June 2002

Meeting took place at Newick's Seafood in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Starting at 6:30 and ending a little after 8:30. 12 members in attendance along with 12 guests.

The 2nd annual Nashua Coin Club Awards Banquet was a very successful and enjoyable time for everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our prestigious award winners.

Young Numismatist Award presented to Dave Heimbach.

Numismatic Acheivement Award presented to Randy Bullis.

The very special President's Award presented to Roger Levesque.

Literary Numismatist Award presented to Ken Camilleis.

Gold Medal Numismatist Award presented to Alan Brouillard.

Life on the Beach

By

Dr. R. S. "Bart" Bartanowicz
NCC National Correspondent

There I was on the beach at Venice, Florida. I was working on my tan to go along with the "abs" that I am developing at the local YMCA. I'm about at the "two pack" stage and Charmaine doesn't think that I'm going to be a "sex object" at this stage of life.

Anyway, I'm laying on the soft sands soaking up the "rays" and someone kicks sand in my face. I immediately remember the old ads for Charles Atlas that I used to see in the comic books. In the ads the puny guy is laughed at and goes to Charles Atlas who quickly turns him into a muscle bound fool. Of course at the next beach party the former puny guy dispatches the bullies! And did I mention that his girl friend now swoons. Of course with G-Rated comics we never do hear the rest of the story and could only let our imaginations wander...!

Anyway with my story, the sand kicker is a guy with a metal detector. He promptly apologizes to me as he is clearly the puny guy and I am the guy who resembles Charles Atlas (well maybe!). I tell the apologetic seeker that I know a guy back in New England who is quite successful in retrieving coins and other objects. To my disappointment the individual isn't interested in telling me how he does on the West coast beaches of Florida. I simple asked him if he had any success. The answer was, "Sometimes you're lucky and some times you're not." I made the mistake of thinking this guy was like our Ken Camellias who is always willing to talk up his interests. I guess not everyone is as friendly as we New Englanders are...?

Not that I'm vengeful but I'll be looking for this guy again and will hopefully kick sand in his face or something...!

JUNE QUIZ

Read the accompanying article and then answer these questions about Notgeld.

1. What does *Gutschein* mean?
2. How can you easily tell the difference between German and Austrian Notgeld?
3. What was unusual about Meissen's Notgeld?
4. What does the term Notgeld mean?

WAR NICKEL QUIZ

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8 Sep - Chelmsford, MA

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21 SEP – Small Cents II Auction

26-29 Sep - Long Beach, CA

WHAT'S IN A COIN?

by Ken Camilleis

As I look back over two generations as a coin collector, I realize that this great hobby of ours is still rather unique to those of us who share an interest in it. People of the non-numismatic general public, on a large scale, have a very strange perception of coin collectors. This is because they don't *understand* what makes us tick. This even holds true for our loved ones. They do not understand how someone can look closely, even *stare*, at a coin. Non-collectors do not understand what "drives" us numismatists - they cannot grasp the reasoning behind spending hard-earned money on little round inanimate objects that "you can't do anything with". You can't talk to coins, you can't eat them (at least, I wouldn't advise it), you can't drive them, and you can't live in them (although my wife and I do live in *close quarters*). So what *value* do these coins possess, ask the uninformed outsiders?

Probably the best answer I can provide is that rare coins, like many other marketable commodities, are *tangible assets*. Just like jewelry, paintings, and other items that have a market value attached to them not because they have a functional purpose but because they are collectible, rare coins are coveted for their collectibility. Rare coins are, in many cases, very attractive, and there is an almost magnetic force that attracts the collector to a particular coin he has or wants to have in his collection. Although every man, woman and child on this earth can live without rare coins, with only money no more or less than a medium of exchange for goods and services, those of us in the numismatic circle can relate to the *carthasis* associated with forming, displaying, and simply marveling over a coin collection for which much though has gone into its acquisition and assembly. And this attitude holds true for stamps, baseball cards, art work, Civil War relics, and many other classes of tangible assets.

Perhaps my favorite expression of all-time is the concept of "compound pleasure". This phrase was "coined" by Dr. Harry Salyards of the Early American Coppers organization, the title of which speaks for the interests of this group. Dr. Salyards is Editor of EAC's bi-monthly publication, "Penny-Wise", and "Calculating Compound Pleasure" was the title of a very fitting article he wrote. The concept of compound pleasure stems from the fact that non-collectors are quick on the draw to state to the collecting relative or friend that money is so much better off in the bank than in investments of unknown value. This statement is neither true nor false in a static sense - its truth or falsity depends on so many market factors that only collectors can understand. As the non-collector "bashes" the collector when an unsound decision has been realized (one for which the collector has lost money over a measurable period of time), he rubs salt in the collector's wound by pointing out the "lost compound interest" factor in addition to the capital principal loss. So Dr. Salyards in echoing the collector's sentiments relates that, yes, the collector has lost some money, but he has gained the *pleasure* of having enjoyed owning his coins and studying them, and, in a word, *loving* them. Dr. Salyards points out that you can gaze at a rare coin repeatedly and take in its ethereal beauty, yet you would have no reason to want to study, say, a treasury bill, the paneling on a sports car, or the vinyl siding on your dream home.

I share the same attitude, as I believe do most numismatists. When you go out to a fancy restaurant and spend three times what you would have paid for a similar meal at home, do you immediately regret your splurge and say you wasted money? Probably not. Well, it's the same way with coins bought and sold. If you lose a little money on a coin, it can be merely thought of as the "rent" you paid to have that coin in your possession. Even if you've made a bad purchase and lost a *lot* of money from it, you can learn from your mistake and attain better knowledge of the market from your error. There is an old proverb that states that "if you don't fail often, you're not trying hard enough to succeed". This is true in undertakings in all walks of life. And perhaps, in due time, the general populace will come to the appreciation of numismatists as a *special interest* group that is largely a smashing success!

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A BIT ABOUT NOTGELD

By Bob Fritsch

One popular branch of numismatic collecting is Notgeld, and most commonly German Notgeld, specifically that money that was issued by cities and towns throughout Europe immediately following World War I. *Notgeld* literally means “Emergency Money”. The German word for money is *Geld*, and emergency is *Not*. Notgeld can be metal or paper, or in numismatic terms *tokens* or *scrip*. Notgeld is not limited to just Europe nor just to the post-WWI era. It can be found just about anywhere official money does not circulate. By stretching it a bit, the original wooden money of Tenino, Washington (1933) could be called Notgeld. In fact, the Germany city of Miessen, which is famous for fine china, not surprisingly made their Notgeld out of porcelain.

Many *Kriegsgeld* (War money) tokens were issued by German cities during WWI to fill the shortage of circulating money. After the war was over, Germany was hit with staggering reparations by the Allies, which drained their already limited treasury. Reparations were the bill that Germany had to pay for staging WWI, and it was a huge amount, one that was never fully paid back, but it destroyed Germany and her allies. The result was that between 1918 and 1922, there was no circulating coinage in Germany or Austria. So cities first started issuing metal tokens in their name, but around 1919, the first paper Notgeld came into being. Since it is easier to print money than to strike it, the idea spread like wildfire and soon everyone was issuing these scrip.

German issuers made their product attractive, and soon towns were placing their history on these notes. They are colorful and interesting, some more than others. One of my favorites shows a farmer slugging a soldier in the face (splat!), telling the story of how the brave farmers drove out the invading army during the Napoleonic wars. Many notes come in a series, telling the story over several notes. These notes always have an expiration date, and are denominated from 5 Pfennig to 5 Marks (100 Pfg to the Mark).

By contrast, Austrian Notgeld is rather drab. They are denominated in Heller and Kroner (100 Heller = 1 Kroner). The two notes accompanying this issue are both Austrian, even though the theme is German Notgeld. I got a good deal on a lot, and present them to you. The black one is a Bank note from the health resort of Voeslau (those little dots over the “o” transliterate into “oe” in English) for 20 Heller. I cannot find Voeslau on any of my maps or atlases, so it is either too small to be included, or it no longer exists. It was issued on 1 July 1920 and expires on 31 December 1920. It is signed by several of the town officials and bears a picture of a castle, or perhaps the main buildings of the resort. The red piece is a Gutschein (Good-for) from the district of Oberoesterreich (Upper Austria), which is in the northwest corner of the country. Linz is the District Seat. This note is for 50 Heller and bears the District’s shield, the date 1 Feb 1921, and the names of several District officials.

It helps to be able to translate the notes into English, but the task is fairly difficult as many notes use German lettering as in the red note. I use an online translator at Alta Vista called Babelfish (). It isn’t great, but between that and a good German dictionary I am able to come up with a decent translation most of the time. It also helps that German is my second language, although quite rusty. References are few and mostly in German, but a new catalog from Krause Publications is called *World Notgeld 1914-1947*.

Notgeld collecting offers several rewards not available in other branches of numismatics. They represent a permanent record of a people far away in a time long ago, and show us what these folks thought was important. German notes are colorful and plentiful. And best of all they are still inexpensive, even though prices have been creeping up over the past few years.

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NEXT MEETING 8 JULY AT THE LIBRARY

COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for JULY will be U.S. Silver War Nickels dated 1942-1945 and German/Austrian Notgeld. Please find Notgeld from 1920/21 enclosed with newsletter courtesy of Bob Fritsch. Hopefully if Bob can make it, we will have these pieces translated as well as explained. Don't forget to bring yours to the meeting along with your war nickels (that means you too Tim <chuckle>).



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

8 July 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:01PM by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirteen members were present. There were no minutes of the previous meeting. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Concern was expressed by the negative cash flow and some suggestions were received to reverse the trend. A 50/50 raffle at the 3rd Sunday show was suggested and the Vice President will investigate if that can be done. Members are invited to make further suggestions. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers, plus the annual meeting room renewal which was handled by the Secretary.

Under Old Business, the ANA Patron donation was sent and our name will appear in the Convention Program. New Business included an offer by ANA to buy many copies of a new newspaper called *Discover Coins* for nominal fees. Offer declined. The upcoming convention in New York was discussed – only one member is going.

The Coin of the Month Quizzes on Notgeld and War Nickels were reviewed; we had two due to sparse attendance at a previous meeting. The subject of counterfeit nickels was discussed – why do such a thing for such a low value coin? Don Pickering said he found a lead counterfeit while sorting through a large pile of nickels and that he found it by touch – it didn't feel right. Philadelphia strikes in 1945 may look fake but were uniformly weak.

Several trip reports were made. Gary Galbo has moved across the river into Hudson. Bob Fritsch attended a meeting of the Tidewater Coin Club in Norfolk, VA during a recent trip and reported a dynamic club. Their coin quiz consists of a designated coin for the meeting, then the quizmaster asks for specific dates or mintmarks or range of dates.

The first holding the requested coin wins the prize, but if two or more have it, they must expound on it and the best speech wins. Bob tied for first place and won a Chinese Cash coin. Charlie Dube reported a 9500 mile driving vacation throughout the Western US – Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and South Dakota, Sutter's Mill and Carson City were all visited. It took 3 weeks and four elongated coins were found. Show and Tell saw an MS-67 Buffalo Nickel and Dave Bowers' new Gold Rush book.

During the break, Jacinta Walant won the Attendance Raffle of \$3.00. First COTM discussed was the War Nickel. Pierre Dionne won nine coins. Next was Notgeld, which literally means "Emergency Money". Germany after WWI was in horrible shape economically and the Allies were determined to punish that country through reparations – making Germany pay for the war. It destroyed the German economy. To do day-to-day transactions, towns and cities all over the country issued their own scrip. It became a cottage industry because the notes were highly collectible. Many Notgeld series depicted stories or legends about a particular place. Bob Fritsch showed several of these series and told of his efforts to translate each one and to find the towns that issued them. Tim Sampson won a pile of Notgeld notes.

Further S&T included Metal Detector Finds in the form of two 1877S quarter dollars. Bob Fritsch showed his ship "Challenge Coins", which were used by sailors to get free drinks from their shipmates. Next Coin of the Month will be "Something Interesting Found After 8 July". One member is trying to assemble a 2002 Mint Set from circulation and is having trouble finding 2002 coins in change.

The Secretary will be at the foot of the Matterhorn in Switzerland during the August meeting so somebody will have to take minutes. The meeting was closed at 9:00PM. The next meeting is 12 August.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

JULY QUIZ

Since we are looking for "Something Interesting", here are some things I find interesting.

1. The 50 States Quarters continue their popularity. What is the current quarter released in August?
2. Over my computer hangs a large collage of the Educational Series Silver Certificates of 1896. What is the theme of the \$1 note of this series?
3. The American Numismatic Association is always interesting. Where will the ANA Anniversary Convention be held next year?
4. Marks, Francs, Schilling, Lire, Pesetas, Escudos, Drachmae, and Guilders all disappeared on 1 January this year. What replaced them?

SHOW LISTINGS

4 Aug – Searsport, ME
18 AUG - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
25 Aug - Chelmsford, MA

8 Sep - Chelmsford, MA
15 SEP - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
21 SEP - Small Cents II Auction
26-29 Sep - Long Beach, CA

JUNE ANSWERS

1. Good-for (note).
2. Austria has Heller and Kroner while Germany has Pfennigs and Marks.
3. It was made out of porcelain.
4. Emergency money.

Who Purchased the 1933 Saint Gaudens?

By

Dr. R. S. "Bart" Bartanowicz
NCC National Correspondent

Well it's all over. The 1933 Saint was hammered down for the price of \$7.59 million! Speculation abounds as to who the mystery buyer was. The question might also be asked whether or not the successful bidder actually believes that the coin is an MS-63. Compared to other Saints seen on the bourse this might be an MS-60 coin based on all the prominent marks that certainly serve as detractors in my mind. Personally I feel that MS-60 might even be generous.

On the other hand one might ask does the grade make any difference considering it is the only one that can be privately (legally) owned. From my viewpoint, \$7.59 million would buy me an awful lot of rare coins and I could certainly put together a portfolio worthy of that amount of money. And I'm sure that the local proprietor of Small Cents II would not mind helping me spend the money.

Finally, why should the new owner of the 1933 remain anonymous? It would seem to me that the joy of owning this unique coin would be the thrill of sharing it and receiving the accolades. I guess we have a "closet" collector here—but time may tell us different.

PS: I was not one of the eight bidders for the Saint despite all the rumors in the coin trade! Till next time take care.

Bart

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AN ADVENTURE WEEKEND

by Ken Camilleis

Unknown to many coin collectors is a rather ingenuous method of reliving bygone generations: through the discovery of obsolete coins and artifacts buried underfoot with the use of a metal detector. I have been engaged in this pastime since 1972, having gotten a metal detector from my parents as a high school graduation present. Many of us call this sport "TH'ing", short for "treasure hunting".

Over the years I've occasionally made an interesting coin discovery, such as a site where obsolete coins were recovered in abundance. As we know, 90% silver coins (not struck for general circulation since 1965), Buffalo nickels, Indian Head cents, etc. are no longer found in the channels of commerce. However, at the times they *were* in circulation, millions of now-defunct coins were lost because of careless handling on the part of their owners. In the U.S., people have been losing their coin money for over 300 years, and a metal detector is a great tool for finding those coins of "yesterecentury".

My most recent TH'ing adventure took place during a weekend spent in the vicinity of the White Mountains. What is especially noteworthy about this discovery is that it ties to *family history* as well as numismatics. My wife Marita and I were staying at her family's lakefront summer home that has been in the family since 1932. For the past 23 years, Marita and I have been visiting this place, and passing by a large Victorian-style home with spacious acreage situated nearby. All the while I've had a hunch that this would be a prime TH'ing site. I also knew from prior research that there were carnivals and revival meetings in this town during the 19th century and that many homes in the area dated back to the 1700s with the land undisturbed. This time I finally got up the gumption to approach the property and ask the owner for permission to search his yard. An elderly man was sitting on the porch. I'll call him "Jake".

Before I could get the first introductory words out, Jake said to me, in an ebullient voice, "HELLO, HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?" This surprised me, because I didn't recognize him at first glance. And then it occurred to me that Jake had met me and Marita at some town gatherings during the 1980s. We got to talking about "old times". In fact, Jake said he remembered when Marita and her family first came to town in 1955. The rest was easy.

Saturday, June 29: I started detecting, and one of my first good targets was a lead bale seal (used to tie bales of hay or cotton) believed to be from the 18th century. And soon I found my first coin – a 1916 Wheat cent. This was encouraging, because most of these early Lincoln cents were lost during "the silver days". A few minutes later I popped up a copper button whose face was the size of a penny but very ornate so probably quite old. And a few more coins were found: a 1900 Indian cent, a 1920 Wheat cent and finally a silver coin, a 1958-D dime. Then I went to the rear of the antiquated building and got an 1892 Indian cent. Soon it was suppertime, and the Cow Hampshire bugs were starting to make *me* their supper. But I'd be back tomorrow morning!

Sunday, June 30: Picking up near where I found the 1892 cent, I got a signal that was music to my ears. Registering at 4 to 5 inches in earth eroded by pine (tannic acid) I got a signal that translated to SILVER QUARTER. Digging very carefully, I brought up a black disc (yes, *black*, not *brown*; there is a difference, as clad coins turn brown when they oxidize), and knew I had a "goodie". I saw a banner and realized I was looking at the reverse of a With Motto Seated Liberty quarter – my first one in 30 years of TH'ing!. Despite the dark color, the details were exquisite. I could see the "S" mint mark clearly, but the obverse was so heavily caked with dirt that I brought it over to the nearby lake to wash it off so as not to scratch the surface. The date is 1877-S, a common date, but still this made my day. I continued detecting and get a 1918 Mercury dime – big whoop after that Seated quarter. And soon I'd get another reading in the quarter range, but a little lower such as CLAD QUARTER. Also at 5", so it's probably another old coin (since this is *virgin* ground, most coins would be closer to the surface). It turns out to be an 1801 large cent with all details legible. I also find an old watch case, and a religious medallion.

Monday, July 1: An 1897 "V" nickel, a 1917 cent and yet another 1918 dime keep my adrenaline flowing. After several more "Wheaties", the mercury is really starting to rise (and I don't mean that on the 1918 dime), so I move away from the open field to the shady front lawn where I was on Saturday. Crisscrossing the area previously worked, I get another 4 to 5 inch coin signal that starts off at PENNY/DIME but finally settles on SILVER QUARTER! And soon my eyes behold another beautiful sight – the "IN GOD WE TRUST" banner on the reverse of another Seated quarter! This one's not in as good condition as the one I found yesterday, and it's light in color and not caked with dirt. And there's the "S" mint mark, and lo and behold, it's another 1877-S! What a coincidence!

I had plans with the family for Monday afternoon (which included riding the waterfall with my extended family at Swift River) but we would return to Jake's property on our way home, not to metal-detect but to reminisce. I showed Jake all my finds and he was delighted. He said I could keep them all, but I will gladly share them with him and his family. Christie played the guitar for Jake, and we took pictures of Jake and his family. Jake recollects that Marita's grandfather used to drive him around when they lived in Cambridge in the 1920s! And I also found a flattened penny that my brother-in-law Danny may have placed on an adjacent railroad track in 1956. I felt like I'd been on a journey through Orson Welles' Time Machine.

As I wasn't overly familiar with the With Motto section of the Seated Quarter series, I hadn't realized that 1876 and 1877 were the only years in which "S" quarters were minted in any significant quantity. So now I shall hope that the next Seated quarter I pull from this yard will be a better date! Maybe I won't have to wait another 30 years to find one.

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NEXT MEETING 12 AUGUST AT THE LIBRARY

COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for August will be any find from your pocket (or ground) during this past month that is interesting. Anything that may amaze or create question or something we just don't see very often.



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

12 August 2002

Meeting opened at 7:00 with 15 members in attendance. President Bruce Heimbach read the minutes from the last meeting.

Discussion of new state quarters and how the U.S. Mint is redesigning them to fit their needs was brought up first under new business. It seems that the Mint doesn't seem to want good artistic designs, only state outlines.

This month's quiz was reviewed and answered by all and all questions were answered correctly even though no official answers were provided.

John Statkum sojourned to Montreal and during his trip, purchased some Canadian coins including the 1997 Flying Loon dollar in a hard to find Specimen set. Bob Landry's wife recently went to Canada as well and brought back some change. The 2002 cent had a double date on it (1952-2002) and Alan Brouillard said it was to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's 50 years on the throne of England. Everyone agreed that the Canadian coins seem to be minted with better quality than the American coins, especially the latest Philadelphia issues. Alan stated that although the coins are great, he has always thought of the paper currency as Monopoly money. This discussion lead to this month's Coin Of The Month which is any coin with Queen Elizabeth on it excluding anything from Canada.

Speaking about trips, Bruce and David Heimbach cruised to Bermuda. They both enjoyed the boat's casino and brought back quarter and dollar size tokens. They also brought back some of the latest Bermuda coins as well. While there, they were educated about the island and the brightly colored houses and how expensive some can be especially if you're the CEO of a bank. Some rules like one car per house is enforced and wild chickens roam the island.

Scott McIver working at the bank is loving his job because it helps him with his coin collecting and oddities as well. This month, he has found a misprinted twenty dollar bill which Gary says is worth around 40 to 50 dollars. Scott has also found an ancient coin with Brutus as emperor on it, although he will continue to research further. Recently, \$23 worth of silver clad coins came in and are now in his collection and he would also like everyone to know that the Indiana quarters are expected in this week and to come on down to get yours.

Heritage ANA and bullet sale was a success and Gary Galbo showed us all some of his new purchases. An excellent variety including some Colonials. He says it has been a very slow Summer for coin sales.

Ken Camilleis went back to the camp where he spent his childhood on the Cape and met a woman he hadn't seen for 37 years. Other than this great find, he also found numerous coins on the site. He proceeded to give a dissertation on the year 1965 and produced many items for show and tell to back it up.

Frank Clark went on a family vacation to their camp in the Balmoral development on Lake Winnipesaukee. In the early mornings before the rest awoke, he would use his metal detector on the beach. He found a bag-full of coins albeit no rarities.

Tim Walant showed us all a very interesting paper currency called a vampire note. If you tipped the note on its side and studied the shadows on the neck in the portrait, one can see the image of a vampire which the citizens of the country said was the government sucking the money from them.

Coin Of The Month drawing had a lot of entries that were all fascinating and were won by Frank Clark. Submitted were a 1967 silver clad half dollar found by Scott at the bank; a Bahama quarter found by Jacinta in the Best Buy parking lot; a Roosevelt dime found by Tim under the monkey bars; a 2002-D U.S. cent found in Bermuda by Bruce; a 1947 dime with wheel marks found in the ground by Ken; a New Jersey quarter found by Frank on the beach; A loon dollar bound by Bob's daughter in her change; a 1975 off struck Lincoln cent found in change by Randy; a 1960-D nickel with a die break bar over the zero and a 1938 nickel found in Alan's wife's pocket book; and a police memorial key ring found by Charlie.

Upon presentation of a 1965 Grey Sheet from Ken, Gary quickly compared the roll prices of coins with today's Grey Sheet. He found most are less than half the price they were back then.

Scott has also noted that he will be kinda glad when the State Quarters program is over because it's a pain to deal with at the bank due to customer's requests. He also stated that he is putting together a collection of world coins with one from each letter of the alphabet which should be a very challenging collection.

Last, but not least, please note that Gary Galbo's Small Cents 2 auction will be held on September 21, 2002 and all coin sellers and buyers are surely welcome to participate.

Submitted by Randy Bullis, VP.

THE BABY-BOOMERS

By Ken Camilleis

The post-World War II period of 1946-1964 is commonly referred to as the “baby boom generation”. It just so happens that this period coincides with the mintage of the Roosevelt dime in 90% silver, therefore I “coined” a term for these coins: *baby-boomers*. Some people call them “Rosies”, but I think the label of baby-boomers gives these silver coins a more historical flair. The Roosevelt dime series is a relatively simple and affordable set to complete, since there are no rare or even scarce dates in the entire 19-year series. Circulated Roosevelt dimes are generally not worth grading because they are not valued at more than “the going rate” for silver. And even a complete set of Brilliant Uncirculated baby-boomers should not break one’s bank. However, with a recent surge in the prices of late type silver coins (such as Washington quarters and Franklin halves) largely because of the State Quarter program, prices of Gem baby-boomers have started to creep upward, and I’ve seen some Gem BU and Proof dates advertised well into three figures and occasionally even four! So the present day may be a good opportunity to jump on the baby-boomer bandwagon.

Even though I no longer go out of my way to seek out modern circulation coins, I’ve always found this short series interesting. The baby-boomers circulated freely until a few years after the clad coins were first struck. For nearly 35 years I’ve observed the date-by-date frequency of circulation of all 48 dates of the baby-boomer series. For some reason I’ve not been able to fully comprehend, I’ve never obtained in change or found (with a metal detector) a 1955-D or S. My understanding is that the 1955-S circulated very little (this being the final year of production at the San Francisco Mint), and I’ve never seen a circulated example of this date. I have seen circulated 1955-Ds in collectors’ albums. I’ve also noticed that the 1954-D, 1956-D and 1957-D, which I find over widely spaced intervals, have very low rates of circulation with respect to their mintages which are upwards of 100 million each. This leads me to believe that either a large supply of these dates was never released or (less likely) the mintage figures may be wrong. The reported mintage for 1955-D is less than 14 million, and the 1955-S at 18 million, but since they do not command a high price in Mint State, my impression is that both branch mints of 1955 saw limited commercial use. Once in a blue moon a 1949-S would turn up, and this has generally been recognized as the relative “key” to the series. Today I’ve seen Gems of this date advertised into the hundreds of dollars. I completed my set of Uncirculated baby-boomers in 1969. I’ve long since parted with it. Maybe I should buy or build another one, just “for old times sake”.....

Although the final year of 1964 saw by far the largest production in both the Philadelphia and Denver Mints, an interesting variety has been identified. This is called the “pointed-tail 9”. I’ve never noticed this, not that I’ve looked very carefully for this detail. But perhaps I should take a closer look at some of those ’64s I’ve found (I only have what I’ve detected since 2000). It is also known that a substantial percentage of the 1964-dated issues were actually coined in 1965, so as to more easily distinguish them from the clad dimes bearing the 1965 date later in the year. In recent times, other varieties of baby-boomers have been identified. These are the 1950-S S/D, and the 1960 and 1963 Proof double dies.

On the following page is a tabulation of the baby-boomers found with metal detectors over the past 30 years. This arbitrary sample consists of 1,199 baby-boomers. One notable observation is that the later dates are not as well represented in this sample as the earlier ones. This is because they did not circulate for as long a period. The 1964s were only in general use for about six years, whereas the 1946s were circulating for nearly a quarter of a century. Also, since most of my detecting has been done in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, most of the branch mint issues are not as well represented as the P-mints, as they would have been in a similar sample mostly from western states. Each date cell indicates the number of baby-boomers of that date detected and the last time one of that date was detected.

SILVER ROOSEVELT DIMES_DETECTED

	*** P_MINT **	*** D_MINT **	*** S_MINT **
YEAR	AMT LAST_DET	AMT LAST_DET	AMT LAST_DET
1964	49 9/ 9/01	47 5/ 5/02	--- -----
1963	8 8/22/92	28 8/11/02	--- -----
1962	11 5/19/89	35 2/ 6/99	--- -----
1961	24 11/11/01	20 7/26/02	--- -----
1960	17 11/24/01	21 4/17/00	--- -----
1959	25 6/29/97	10 5/ 5/02	--- -----
1958	5 1/11/98	13 6/29/02	--- -----
1957	41 7/ 5/01	10 9/ 7/88	--- -----
1956	41 9/29/01	8 5/25/87	--- -----
1955	4 9/ 3/89	0	0
1954	32 7/ 5/01	10 6/19/02	2 9/29/01
1953	37 8/11/02	53 10/28/01	5 8/26/88
1952	80 4/10/02	37 5/16/92	3 10/13/91
1951	64 4/26/02	9 10/10/88	6 12/15/96
1950	46 1/27/02	13 6/18/00	2 7/12/89
1949	13 4/26/02	2 12/30/82	2 11/26/95
1948	42 4/15/00	10 3/29/98	3 11/ 7/92
1947	86 8/11/02	10 5/ 5/02	4 11/ 3/01
1946	197 8/10/02	11 4/20/90	3 8/19/86

TOTAL SILVER ROOSEVELT DIMES DETECTED

AS OF 8/11/02 = 1199

AUGUST QUIZ

What do you know about Queen Elizabeth?

1. We know that Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom, and by extension the British Commonwealth. How many countries use her portrait on their circulating coinage (including Canada)?
2. What was the first year that EII as Queen appeared on British Coinage?
3. How old was she at her coronation, and in what year did that happen?

Since we didn't specify which Queen Elizabeth, how many years was Elizabeth I Queen?

- 4a. What were the inclusive years of her reign?

JULY ANSWERS

1. Indiana
2. "History Instructing Youth"
3. Baltimore
4. The Euro.

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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting
9 September 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:00PM by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twelve members and one guest were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with two corrections. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers, and one "smear letter". An individual was writing to all coin clubs about the terrible treatment received from a dealer. This triggered a discussion about exploded expectations and complaints against dealers. Many people want to receive retail prices for their items and are irate when they don't get it, accusing the dealer of fraud or malfeasance.

Under Old Business, Gary Galbo is closing his shop soon after next month's meeting there. Calzones will be on the menu. Gary will sell selected supplies at cost, so it is a good opportunity to stock up. Many coins will be at reduced prices also. He is closing the shop due to a difference between income and outgo, and the nature of his business has migrated to mail order and the internet. Gary's next auction is 21 September and he will be at Long Beach on 25-29 September. It is time for another NCC Show at the Third Sunday gathering. Gary

will talk to Jim Guinesso about it. There was no New Business.

The monthly Quiz was reviewed, this time about Queen Elizabeth. Jacinta Walant showed an Australian "2-Up" board from her father, which is a betting game Down Under. Two pennies are placed on the paddle heads up, the coins flipped into the air, and the player wins if both coins land heads. Bob Fritsch won the attendance raffle of \$3.00. Show & Tell included a report by Scott McIver that plenty of Indiana Quarters are in stock at the Bank of NH. He passed around a nickel that had some layers split (laminated) off. He is building a Canadian Millennium Set from circulation and still needs a few coins. Bob Fritsch related his adventures at the ANA Convention and showed his Judges Medal given to exhibitors and judges.

At the break, a Dutch Auction was announced for several 8-coin Euro sets from Austria, donated by Bob Fritsch. Ken Camilleis related more coin detecting finds, including an 1876 Liberty Seated Half, a Discount Charge Coin from Boston merchant Horace Partridge Co., and some large cents and two cent pieces. He shared his site with a buddy who promptly found an AU Capped Bust Half.

Coin of the Month was any coin depicting Queen Elizabeth. The nine coins in the pot were described. Elizabeth's reign has been one of monetary transition. In

1971 the country went decimal from the traditional Pounds-Shillings-Pence system. Now they are debating whether to join the rest of the European Union and adopt the Euro. Bob Fritsch showed a prototype British Euro Set struck by a private English mint. Charlie Dube won the 9 coins. Next COTM is Foreign Banknotes. The Dutch Auction netted \$30.00 for the club.

There will be a White Elephant Sale in December. Bring those items you don't want (non-numismatic is acceptable) and all proceeds go to the club.

The meeting was closed at 8:56PM. The next meeting is 14 October at Small Cents II. Members are reminded to bring their own chairs. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the menu.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

COIN QUIZ AUGUST ANSWERS

1. 20 (+7). Alderney, Australia, (Bahamas), Belize, Bermuda, BVI, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, (Dominica), East Caribbean States, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gibraltar, Great Britain, Guernsey, (Hong Kong), IOM, Jersey, New Zealand, (Pitcairn Islands), St. Helena-Ascension, Solomon Islands, (Tokelau Islands), (Tristan da Cunha), (Turks & Caicos Islands), Tuvalu.
()=not sure.
2. 1953.
3. 21, in 1952.
4. 44 years, 1558-1603.

SEPTEMBER QUIZ

Foreign banknotes are a tough subject to use for a quiz. That won't stop you from answering these questions, though.

1. The Standard Catalog of World Paper Money is commonly known by what name?
2. Where is the largest paper money show in the US?
3. Paper Money can have some tremendously high denominations. What note holds the record for high denomination?
4. Name three major differences between US banknotes and foreign banknotes.

Psychological Issues: Coin Show Withdrawal

By

Dr. R. S. "Bart" Bartanowicz
NCC National Correspondent

Do you realize that New Englanders are blessed with an inordinate number of coin shows and coin shops! Well folks this is the truth. As you know, I've lived all over the country and somehow in my 10-year sojourn in New England I forgot that it's different elsewhere.

We are having our first coin show in the local area the weekend of September 21 in Tampa. This will entail a 140-mile round-trip from my house. This is certainly different than the 5-minute drive to the Holiday Inn from my former house in Nashua. There are certainly coin shows on the East Coast of Florida but we seem to have a dearth of shows on the Gulf Coast side. The next big show will be November and the "Really Big Show" will be the FUN show in Orlando in January.

As to coin shops, they seem to be more combination jewelry and coin shops and some even offer antiques. You won't find a shop like Small Cents II anywhere around here. Gary is one of a kind (in a positive manner!) and it will be a loss if he ever closes his shop. As such it's kind of hard to find anyone who wants to talk about coins in any of the shops.

There are more coin clubs around here than in New England. My local coin club the Sarasota Coin Club meets about 15 miles from the house. There is talk of resurrecting the Venice Florida Coin Club, which is in my new hometown. But we will wait and see.

Bottom line, the hobby is certainly active and fun in New England and with the NCC. Other place it isn't. I do get the urge to get in the car and drive up to Nashua to attend the 3rd Sunday show – however 1,500 miles (one way) is a long haul. Anyway, remember you are blessed in all things numismatic! Take care....

Bart

DÉJÀ VU – IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

by Ken Camilleis

Monday, August 23, 1965. The hands of time would freeze for me on this date. As Mom and Dad pick me up at camp, I know that my days here are over for good. I feel so sad. I wave goodbye to my cronies, give the camp director's daughter a big hug, and that's that. Dad whisks down the dirt road in our red '64 Buick and a chapter in my young life summarily ends.

Sunday, July 28, 2002. Marita and I have a rare weekend together without the kids, who are both away on sleepovers. I'm working on a historical research project in the general area, and she's "along for the ride". We find the dirt road, drive down it, and as it ends I look to the right and there's what's left of the camp site – and I recognize it *instantly* despite having not seen it for the better part of 36.9 years. The area is now practically desolate, but we eventually happen upon a few people bathing by the lake further down the expansive acreage and inquire of them. The rest, let's just say, "is history". Nearly two centuries of it.

August 10-11, 2002. I find many of the memorabilia left behind by the summer campers, including perhaps myself. I haven't found what I'm *really* looking for, but I've gotten some cool hits here on my topo map! Potential Seated and Capped Bust country!

July 1964. This is so embarrassing. Our baseball team has lost to our rival camp by the humiliating score of 19-0!

Saturday, August 24, 2002. While on what used to be the ball field, I get a nice crisp signal. It's a Draped Bust large cent minted between 1796 and 1807. I know I didn't lose *that* in the slide as I was getting caught trying to steal second base!

Sunday, August 13, 1837. The bethel pennon is raised, and the voice of the Eternal now speaks out in tones of thunder to the hardened hearts of the wicked.

Sunday, September 1, 2002. Lemme see, as I recall, 165 years later, the towering flag was placed right about here, and some money had been scattered about from the effects of the fire and brimstone. A 1798 cent from among the lot is discovered today.

Sunday, August 26, 1832. We are gathered here today, some 8,000 strong for this joyous occasion. This is by far the largest turnout at a camp meeting in this vicinity to date. There are over thirty tents on the ground, designated for the accommodations of the many representative societies. There are ample refreshments available for all who have attended this momentous festivity.

Sunday, September 8, 2002. There must have been plenty of money changing hands for these refreshments. A few shiny new Capped Bust halves, I'd surmise, for starters. My "research partner" gets a spectacular hit on his Minelab Explorer and, lo and behold, it's one of those 1830 halves that was lost in the throes of spiritual ecstasy 170 years ago. It's in nearly mint condition, as would be expected by the context of the date.

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Could it have been? Could the summer camp I'd gone to as a child and been away from for 37 years have been that hallowed ground that reigned supreme throughout the second quarter of the 19th century?! At present, with what has already been found, it certainly seems promising! Sure, some of this is speculations, but it's nice to have a vivid imagination. Time will tell, and hopefully, soon enough, whether I've opened up yet another time capsule from that footloose and fancy-free era in U.S. history.

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NEXT MEETING 14 OCTOBER AT SMALL CENTS 2

COTM OF THE MONTH

COTM for October is any foreign bank note.

SHOW CALENDAR

20 OCT - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

20 Oct - Orono, ME
20 Oct - Burlington, VT
27 Oct - Chelmsford, MA
27 Oct - W. Springfield, MA

3 Nov - Portland, ME

15-17 Nov - Bay State, Boston

17 NOV - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

23 NOV - Small Cents II Auction
24 Nov - Chelmsford, MA

15 DEC - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

22 Dec - Chelmsford, MA



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NASHUA COIN CLUB Minutes of the Meeting 14 October 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:02PM by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ten members were present held in Small Cents II. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Correspondence included the usual magazines and mail offers with a nice "Thank You" from ANA for our donation to this year's convention.

This month is the NCC show at the 3rd Sunday show. We will hold a 50/50 Drawing there. After much discussion it was decided to use numbered tickets with name and phone number on the back. Cost is \$1 each or 10/\$5. We need members to run the table. We will also pass out "The Money Story" videos to whomever wants one. There was mention that Nashua High School has a coin and stamp club. Members will investigate and report at a future meeting. The monthly quiz was reviewed to good comments and discussion. Bob Fritsch passed around the Pick catalogs so all could see.

Gary Galbo went to the Long Beach show and spent lots of money at the auctions. Dealers are buying new ANACS slabs because their net grade is a few points below the actual grade. Once cracked out and regraded by a different company, they are several grades ahead with instant profit. At this point the calzones arrived and we broke to demolish them. Frank Clark won \$2.50 in the Attendance Raffle, and the club got \$21 in donations to help defray food cost.

Robert Landry volunteered to become the club Librarian. Bob Fritsch reported on Dave Bowers' new book, "More Adventures with Rare Coins." Bob is mentioned Adventure 50, as is Bart Bartanowicz and Don Pickering. Ken Camilleis passed around several coins and artifacts he had

pulled out of the ground. He also showed a 1922D he had gotten in change from his local bank.

Coin of the Month was Foreign Paper Money. Everyone had an interesting note to show - 1942 Germany 10 Reichsmark with swastika; 1942 France 20 Franc; 1969 Cuba 1 Peso featuring Jose Marti; 1989 Venezuela 100 Bolivar; 1910 Germany 100 Marks that looked like a bedsheet; 1908 Germany 100 Marks; 1944 French Allied Currency 50 Francs "short snorter" with a flier's itinerary in 1944; 1941 Francs 50 Francs; 1923 Germany one Million Marks; and a set of 1994 50-500 Rubles from Tana Touva, a Russian territory. Bruce Heimbach won the lot. Next month: Trade Tokens.

Gary Galbo showed a couple of mysterious items, including a brass tube filled with what appear to be reverse impression dies in French. The lid is actually a ring that exposes the topmost piece and it was speculated that it could be for wax impressions, and maybe was a child's toy. A couple of 3x4" book banks from Nashua Trust and Investors Trust (NY) were also shown. Mississippi Quarters are first issued tomorrow and we should see them in the banks in a few weeks.

The meeting was closed at 8:58PM. The next meeting is 11 November. A meeting place will have to be found as the library will be closed on Veteran's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

OCTOBER QUIZ

Trade Tokens are another tough category to quiz. Let's try these questions:

1. What is the primary national club for tokens, of which your quizmaster is on the Board of Directors?
2. What is the term for a token without a city and/or state mentioned?
3. Trade Tokens come in many sizes and shapes including encased coins. Who was the king of the encased coin trade token?
4. Speaking of encased coins, what is the name of the club interested in them?

SEPTEMBER ANSWERS

1. "Pick", after Albert Pick, the original author. 2. Memphis, held each June. 3. Hungary 200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (two hundred septillion or 2×10^{26}) Pengo in 1946. 4. Different colors,

Our Club's First 50/50 Raffle

The third Sunday Coin Show at the Holiday Inn was the scene of the club's first 50/50 raffle. Don Pickering, Bruce Heimbach, and Randy Bullis volunteered to man the sales booth that day. James Guinesso graciously allowed us a table right in the heart of the action (and heat) instead of using the outside hallway. The club sold a total of \$68 worth of tickets and gave away a number of U.S. Mint videos. The winning ticket was drawn by Laurie Cerato and surprise, the winner was Gary Galbo. Who says these two aren't magnetically attached to one another! Gary won the prize of \$34. He said he was going to buy lunch with a portion and donate the remainder to the club. Thanks Gary!



November's Meeting Location and President's Message

It looks like we made it over the Trick or Treats and now look, we have Thanksgiving coming. Thanks again to Gary for letting us use his store for October. GREAT TIME. This month the library is also closed once more. After careful consideration of several member's suggestions, we have decided to hold the meeting at Bronze Craft, a commercial building with a good size cafeteria. Vending machines are present. Bronze Craft is on the corner of Simon and Will Street. Don't panic, here are some simple directions to follow.

From Main St. go West on Hollis St. 1.3 miles, at the Texaco Station take a right onto Simon St., go 1/10 of a mile take a right turn into the parking lot and park your vehicle. Enter the building from there and the cafeteria is on your right.

However, if you are heading North on the Everitt Turnpike, take Exit 5A, to the stop sign, turn right onto Simon Street and the parking lot is on your left. Enter, park and enter the building and the cafeteria is on your right.

I hope all can make the meeting. See you there.



Landolt

SPANISH SILVER OR BUST!

By Ken Camilleis

Once upon a time, scattered about the countryside, were parcels of land set aside for revival meetings, known in their day as *camp meetings*. These events would usually take place late in the summer and last from five to seven days. About the New England region, camp meeting activity peaked in popularity and number of locations during the second quarter of the 19th century.

The camp meeting, as it evolved in the Colonies, was the brainchild of Methodist bishop Francis Asbury, who organized a Methodist movement during the mid- to late 1790s. Camp meetings at this time became popular in the backcountry territories such as Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio. But by about 1827 they had really become “the rage” in the New England/New York regions. Although during the early 1800s camp meetings were usually organized by Methodist societies they were actually non-sectarian in their attendance. So thousands upon thousands of people were able to attend them.

Although some of the facilities that hosted camp meetings well over a century ago still exist as Methodist communities in some form, most of these sites have long since been abandoned and forgotten about. Throughout New Hampshire and parts of Massachusetts, most of the original camp meeting groves were last used for this purpose prior to the Civil War. In fact, many of the camp meeting groves began to wane in popularity after the 1844 division (over the slavery question) of the Methodist Episcopal Church into “North” and “South” factions.

Through dedicated research, it may be possible to find the location of a camp meeting site that had a parting of the ways, say, in the early 1840s. What kinds of coins would we expect to find, as we wend our way through this time capsule with a metal detector, over valuable articles lost by camp-meeting patrons during the throes of spiritual ecstasy, that have not seen the light of day in 159 dark, silent years? We'd find an abundance of large cents, which were good for the daily bread. We'd probably also find some early Seated Liberty dimes and half dimes with mint-state details, and Capped Bust silver coins that may be equally or nearly as nice as the Seateds. Additionally, we would undoubtedly detect many silver coins that were not minted in the United States.

How is this? Foreign specie (gold and silver) was legal tender U.S. until 1857, and its commercial base consisted mostly of silver coins from countries under Spanish rule; fractions of the Spanish Milled Dollar. For instance, the *medio*, which was valued at 1/16 of a dollar, was a small silver coin nearly the size of a dime but much thinner. Some of these so-called “Spanish-American” coins were coined during the 1600s and early- to mid-1700s, although those still in circulation during the 2nd quarter of the 19th century would likely have been tired pieces from 1772 to 1808 as well as some later styles with somewhat less wear or damage. The *pistareen*, or 2-reale coin, co-existed and circulated at par with the Capped Bust or early Seated quarter, and the abundance of circulating pistareens played a key role in minimizing the mintages of U.S. quarters for many years prior to 1853. Camp meeting groves were common repositories for the loss of such coins.

Actually, during the heyday of the camp meeting, there were more foreign silver coins in circulation than those from our homeland! Federal silver coins (except for the half dollar which was largely exported for foreign trade) were not minted in abundant quantity until the 1820s, and then only sporadically (not every year). It was not until 1831 that all known silver denominations were produced (Bust design) without interruption.

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NEXT MEETING 11 NOVEMBER AT BRONZE CRAFT CAFETERIA

COIN OF THE MONTH

COTM for November is Trade Tokens.

SHOW CALENDAR

8-10 Nov - Baltimore, MD
10 Nov - Auburn, MA
15-17 Nov - Bay State Boston
17 NOV - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
23 NOV - Small Cents II Auction
24 Nov - Chelmsford, MA

15 DEC - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
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19 JAN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

11 November 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:03PM in the Bronzecraft cafeteria by President Bruce Heimbach with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nine members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read and approved. An explanation of the deposit from the show revealed \$200 from Jim Guinesso and \$60 from the raffle - \$34 from the 50/50, and \$26 from Gary Galbo's winnings. We thank Jim and Gary for their generous contributions. The next raffle will be in the Spring. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and mail offers.

Trip reports included a report by Bob Landry who hired a bus to Mohegan Sun for his wife's birthday. Bob Fritsch reported on a sea trip with the Navy which included stops at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and St. John, USVI. Show and Tell was led off by Ken Camilleis who visited a summer camp he used to attend as a kid. He showed photos of the 1830 Capped Bust Half reported a few months ago. He also had some silver coins, a silver spoon, and some old coppers. Ken Young showed two Good For tokens (one from NH) and a Civil War token showing the USS Monitor. Roger Levesque showed a 1941 Mercury Dime with a cud on the reverse and a replica of the 1933 St. Gaudens Double Eagle. The quiz was reviewed and discussed.

Next month will be our first ever White Elephant sale. Rules are posted on the next page. Members are encouraged to bring items for donation to the club.

Nominations for office were opened with the following names:

President – Randy Bullis

VP – Bob Landry, Gary Galbo, Bruce Heimbach

Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Fritsch

Nominations were closed and to be opened again next month. The election will be in January.

The attendance Raffle of \$2.25 was won by Bob Landry. Coin of the Month was Trade Tokens. Russ Rulau's catalog of 19th Century tokens was shown around. Tokens have played an important role in commerce throughout our history. They are similar to coins but are issued by private parties, not by a government. That usually restricts the value of the token to the issuer, who may or may not redeem it at a future time. Mavericks are tokens that do not have a city or state on them, and a large part of collecting tokens is attributing them. Seven tokens were in the pool won by Randy Bullis.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM. The next meeting is 9 December.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert F. Fritsch
Secretary

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE / AUCTION
BRING YOUR CASH
BRING YOUR CHECK
BRING YOUR UNWANTED ITEMS
AND HAVE FUN!

NOVEMBER QUIZ

Since we are having our White Elephant Sale this month, lets see what you know about elephants:

1. The 1694 Elephant Tokens were popular in Colonial America. What three entities issued them? (see the Red Book).
2. In what year did the New England Numismatic Association use the design of the Elephant Token on its medal?
3. This man featured on a US commemorative half dollar was associated with a famous elephant. Who was he? BONUS: What was the elephant's name?
4. What was the half dollar #3 was featured on?

OCTOBER ANSWERS

1. Token and Medal Society (TAMS).
2. Maverick.
3. Earl Fankhauser of Indiana produced hundreds of encasements for businesses in Ohio and Indiana.
4. Associated Collectors of Encased (ACE).

SHOW CALENDAR

15 DEC - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN

22 Dec - Chelmsford, MA

25 Dec - Check your stocking for coin goodies!

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Bring items that you no longer want. All proceeds of the sale go to the club treasury, but you have to take home your unsold items.

2. Anything is fair game. You can bring record albums, lava lamps, wine bottles, kitchenware, tools, books, and maybe even a coin or two. Let your imagination soar, and let your spouse help you fill a box or two.
3. Some items obviously belong in the trash. Please don't bring them.
4. Please attach a tag describing each item and who donated it. This can be a simple piece of paper attached with scotch tape. The treasurer will use these tags to keep track of the sale and who buys what.
5. Bring lots of money so you can take home "new" treasures.

OF CHRISTMASES PAST

by Ken Camilleis

“I’m dreaming of a ...”

Well, it’s been 37 years since we’ve actually had a “white Christmas”. But whenever I think of precipitation in the form of snow on December 25, I’m reeled back to my early childhood years when it seemed that there was *always* fresh snow on the ground, and usually quite a bit in the air as well, on Christmas Day. This was before the observation of “global warming”.

Christmas Day, when it was white and blustery, always brought with it happy times. Dad taking me sledding down Larz Anderson’s expanse of slope, multitudinous gatherings of family and friends, and chestnuts *literally* roasting on an open fire, while that succulent eye round was simultaneously roasting in the Caloric, to which all the family would enjoy a hearty repast. That was family tradition. To this day, whenever I hear the White Christmas carol I’m spun back to the days of yore, when major coins were 90% silver and I’d stuff my rosy face with five-cent candy bars and hope my parents wouldn’t notice. I’d have had to answer to a glazed-oak hairbrush if Dad smelled sugar on my breath before Christmas dinner. Or at best, I’d lose my allowance, which was one Walking Liberty or Franklin half. As we recall, we had to stock up on food and household goods by close of business on December 24, since the commercial world was shut tight on Christmas Day.

Occasionally, when I’m overcome with an onrush of sentiment, be it on Christmas Day or the Fourth of July or any other day of the year, I’ll swing my metal detector over one of my symbolic “Christmas spots”. And I’ll find something my contemporary peers could have lost, such as a Mercury dime, a Buffalo nickel, a few Wheat cents, or maybe if I’m really lucky, something that long predated my Christmas memories, such a large cent or a piece of Spanish silver. A few years ago, a buddy of mine found a Capped Bust half dollar in one of my childhood Christmas fields. More than 100 years before I was born, perhaps some young sledder lost this historic coin during an equally stimulating moment, perhaps even on Christmas Day if I let my “speculative memory” run rampant. In 1999, on an unseasonably warm *February* day, I found a 1711 Spanish copper near one of these sites. And, according to some recent research, on one of my Christmas hills there was an Indian encampment in October of 1821. We never know what history lies beneath the surfaces of our lifelong memories, especially those of the most celebrated and historically significant day of the year.

I’m hoping that I will see the return of white Christmases during my lifetime. It would certainly make me feel young again. How about this year?

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COIN OF THE MONTH

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE - NO C.O.T.M.



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NASHUA COIN CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting

9 December 2002

The meeting was opened at 7:15PM by Vice President Randy Bullis with nine members and one guest present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. There was no Treasurer's report. Correspondence was limited to the usual magazines and the ANA publication "World of Money." ANA Club Rep Bob Fritsch explained some uses of this newspaper by other clubs.

Under Old Business, nominations for office were opened and closed with Don Pickering nominated for Director. New Business moved and approved a \$100 donation to the annual Santa Fund.

Charlie Dube reported a 3-week trip to Italy on a partly guided tour with lots of free time included. His favorite spot was Sorrento on the Amalfi coast. In Florence was the Uffizi Gallery and Doumo; Rome was the Coliseum, Circus Maximus, obelisks, St. Peter's (among the 700 churches in the city), and the Vatican Museum. He bought a few coins, including an 1873 Belgian 5 Franc, and two Roman Denarii. Scott McIver went to Nova Scotia, but it was a bad trip due to heavy seas. The ferry was stuck in port due to the weather but no stores were open because it was Canadian Thanksgiving Day. The ship couldn't get underway and no services could be opened within Canadian waters. The best thing that happened was that he exchanged US\$5 in a drugstore and got C\$7.50 in return, plus he met lots of interesting people.

Alan Brouillard won the attendance raffle of \$2.25. The monthly quiz was reviewed to good comments. Show and Tell started with Bob Fritsch showing an auction catalog with pictures of Chinese Cash "casting trees" in a response to last month's tour of Bronzecraft. Auction catalogs are a valuable research tool and Bob is reviewing every catalog he can to find references in his ongoing research on Swiss medalist Antoine Bovy.

Scott McIver showed a 1921 Peace Dollar that was found in the bank's counting machine. Gary Galbo reported that he had retired his auctioneer and will call the Small Cents II sales himself in the future. 25 January is the next auction.

The White Elephant Sale commenced with Charlie Dube calling. Thirty-six items were contributed by Bob Fritsch (15 items for \$19.25), Don Pickering (12 for \$25.25), Randy Bullis (4 for \$39.00), and Charlie Dube (5 for \$4.00). The sale realized \$87.50 for the club, with an additional \$2.00 thrown in as spare change, for a total donation of \$89.50. Everyone had a good time and new treasures were discovered and acquired.

The meeting closed at 9:05PM. The next meeting will be at the Library on 13 January 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch

Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bruce Heimbach

Hope everyone had the GREATEST of holidays. As for my family it was a blast. At January's meeting we will be voting for new officers. I urge all to attend. We need to get as many members together for this meeting and also ALL meetings. We REALLY miss you when you don't attend the monthly meeting. YOU are IMPORTANT to the meetings. Everyone looks forward to hear what you have to offer. Dues will also be collected at this meeting. Hope to see everyone there. Thank You.

DECEMBER QUIZ

Let's try some Amusement token questions this month:

1. What is/are the main purpose(s) of Amusement tokens? [I have 3 answers but there are more.]
2. Will an amusement token from Fun World or Fun Spot be accepted at the Everett Turnpike Toll Booths? [We do not encourage our members to try it!]
3. What is the purpose of slots in some amusement tokens?

Will a Chuck-E-Cheese token bought in California fit machines in that establishment in New Hampshire?

NOVEMBER ANSWERS

1. London, South Carolina, New England. 2. 1964. 3. P.T. Barnum featured Jumbo in his shows. 4. 1936 Bridgeport, Connecticut.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR CLUB?

The last two meetings have seen only *nine* members attend. This is a cause for alarm. We have a good club, everybody likes each other, our meetings have lots of energy, and we used to have good turnouts. For some reason, many members seem to have stricken us from their "must-do" list. I personally look forward to the meetings, and indeed attend several in a month. Our December White Elephant Sale was sparsely attended but we still managed to raise about \$80! Please put us back on your calendars so our club will again be vibrant and healthy.

Bob Fritsch

SHOW CALENDAR

9-12 Jan - FUN Orlando, FL
17-19 Jan - NY International, NY, NY
19 JAN - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
26 Jan - Chelmsford
25 JAN - SMALL CENTS II AUCTION

9 Feb - Chelmsford
16 FEB - 3rd SUNDAY, HOLIDAY INN
20-23 Feb - Chicago Paper Money Expo
27 Feb-1 Mar - Long Beach, CA

Happy Snow Year!

Randy Bullis

Ok, so you've heard that one already. Yes, it's wintertime. The one time of the year that is not so good for picnics or swimming but is great for skiing, sledding, and coins. That's right, coins. I'm sure you've heard this before as well. Winter seems to be a key time for numismatics. I suppose because the night falls sooner and there's only so much to do outside, that we all do our own form of hibernation and this gives us time to work on our collecting hobby. Whether it's finally getting around to placing those 2X2's in date and mintmark order in pages, or if it's searching the dealers for that certain semi key date you didn't have time to find during the summer.

Winter is also the time that attendance usually increases at our club meetings. This year is becoming an exception to that rule. Did you know that our club is like a coin itself. If you think about it, we are only caretakers of coins just like we are for the club.

No one really owns it. We only protect it, guide it, enjoy it for as long as we can. So far, the club has moved on from one group to another for 43 years. Hopefully, if we (the present group) do our job right, we will guide the club for awhile until the next group takes over and the club will continue on for another 43 years and more. We shouldn't be the ones to let it fade away.

This meeting is a key meeting. Elections of officers will take place for the year 2003. We also have a very interesting coin of the month, which will educate and inform a lot of us in the world of amusement tokens. If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile, this is one to attend. We'd all love to see each other again. We can come up with fun ideas for meetings and new and exciting coin of the month suggestions. How about show and tell? Does anyone have anything they would like to share with the others. I know I learn quite a bit every time someone brings material in including the young numismatists reports. I have even purchased a metal detector this last year due to a member's generous efforts in show and tell.

So, come on back. We need you. The club needs you. The club needs each and every one of us. After all, without U, there is no clUb.

ANNUAL DUES DUE

Please find enclosed with this issue your Dues Envelope. Use this to pay your annual club membership fees which are listed on the front of the envelope. The low cost is \$6 for senior members and \$3 for juniors. Other than the 1933 St. Gaudens gold piece, it's the greatest bargain in numismatics. Please bring the envelope to this meeting or simply drop in the mail. Remember, your contribution helps us pay for stamps, newsletters, annual luncheons, and other great initiatives.

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NEXT MEETING 13 JANUARY AT THE LIBRARY

COIN OF THE MONTH

Amusement Tokens